

WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans is composed of nearly one-half million service disabled Veterans and is chartered by the Congress of the United States and obligated with the responsibility of providing free service and assistance to the nation's disabled Veterans, their widows, and dependents; and,

WHEREAS, To discharge that chartered purpose and obligation, the Disabled American Veterans has currently employed 250 specially trained National Service Officers, of which 180 are Vietnam Veterans, and stationed them at every Veterans Administration Office in the United States offering advice, counseling, and free assistance to all Veterans and their dependents with their claims with the Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration; and,

WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans currently has two National Service Officers, one being a Korean veteran and one a Vietnam veteran, stationed at the Veterans Administration Center in Sioux Falls providing this free service to South Dakota Veterans and their dependents; and,

WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans provide thousands of dollars annually for Handicapped Scouting, free scholarships to needy, and disaster relief funds; and,

WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans, in seeing the need to expand National Service Officer services and personal contact to those living in areas distant and remote from the Veterans Administration and National Service Offices, has purchased six mobile van units and staffed them with National Service Officers to tour the country and bring their services to the people; and,

WHEREAS, The six mobile vans will be in South Dakota the week of June 26, 1974, through June 29, 1974, and will be stationed in eighteen cities throughout the State:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of the Disabled American Veterans for their dedicated service to the Veterans of this State and their dependents, do hereby proclaim June 26, through June 29, 1974, as

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 28th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four.



ATTEST:



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE